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ALLIES STUPID; THREW CHANCES AWAY; TAKING REVENGE ON GREECE, SAYS KING

"DON'T FAIL TO STOP CAR," HEALIS SWEARS MRS. MOHR URGED BEFORE FATAL RIDE

Driver Describes Murder for Which, He Says, \$5,000 Was Promised to Assassins.

CONTRADICTS HIMSELF.

First Said He Saw Spellman at Murder Scene—Then Said He Saw No One.

Special from a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 20.—George W. Healis, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr's chauffeur, and a confessed conspirator in his murder, for which Mrs. Mohr and two of the physician's discharged servants are on trial, today directly connected her with the crime and thus delivered for the prosecution the heaviest blow it has as yet aimed at the accused wife of the murdered man.

Healis related conversations he had had with Mrs. Mohr, one of them the very night of the murder and only a few hours before he stopped the doctor's car in the Noyatt road, according to his agreement with Brown and Spellman, the two negroes accused of the assassination.

Mrs. Mohr said to him that night, according to Healis's testimony: "Don't fail to stop the car tonight. Be sure to do it and don't be afraid. Don't be afraid. Just say that you were held up. This is our last chance, as my divorce case comes up next week."

When it came to the cross-examination of Healis by William H. Lewis, the negro attorney for Victor Brown, who made a "confession" to the police that he shot the physician, Healis was subjected to a grilling almost without precedent in the Superior Court. And under it he made a direct contradiction of the testimony he had given a short time before.

He had stated that when the attack was made on the physician's car he saw Henry Spellman jump into a clump of bushes immediately after the shots were fired. When Mr. Lewis pinned him down Healis admitted that he had not seen anything but a shadow. He finally said that he had not seen any one.

Throughout the examination Healis's demeanor was one of amazing calmness. He gave his answers without hesitation and only raised his voice once to tell Mr. Lewis that he was not deaf, because the defending attorney had graded him almost to the breaking point. Before that the attitude of the chauffeur was

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SECOND DU PONT BLOWUP IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

Explosion at Powder Plant in Hopewell Causes \$100,000 Damage—None Reported Injured.

HOPWELL, Va., Jan. 20.—An explosion in an acid tank at the Du Pont Powder plant today damaged the plant to the extent of \$100,000, according to early estimates. The report of officials is that the foundation of the acid tank gave way. The tank fell and exploded. They denied a report that two men were killed.

Sunday Baseball Bill Introduced.

ALBANY, Jan. 20.—A Sunday baseball bill was introduced in the Legislature today by Assemblyman Kieran. The measure would amend the State law to permit professional baseball games after 2:30 P. M. Sunday and also permit an admission charge.

GOVERNOR TRYING TO STOP INQUIRY, SAYS THOMPSON

Whitman and Speaker Sweet, He Says, in Scheme to Head Off P. S. Probe.

TELLS OF BILTMORE BILL

Senator Foley Charged \$229 and Declares He Didn't Spend a Penny.

Senator George F. Thompson declared today that Assemblyman McQuestion's protest about his share of the Legislative Committee's bill at the Hotel Biltmore is part of a scheme to stop the Committee's inquiry into the Public Service Commission, and that Gov. Whitman and Speaker Sweet are trying to head him off.

Senator George F. Thompson, Chairman of the legislative committee that has been investigating the conduct of the Public Service Commission, this afternoon put on the official record a personal statement, in part, as follows:

"In conversation with Speaker Sweet of the Assembly yesterday, he said to me that the Assembly would not consent to a continuance of the investigation which the Joint Committee of the Senate and Assembly has been conducting.

"In the opinion of the Committee, there are numerous important matters which should be investigated by this Committee. The work which the Committee has done, and the results which the Committee has accomplished, have, in the opinion of the Committee, justified its existence, and, it would seem, would amply justify its continuance.

"This committee is, however, unwilling to incur expense with no prospect of payment. If the Assembly of the State can afford to throttle the committee's activities, it must take the responsibility for so doing. The committee feels that it would be imprudent under the circumstances to incur any additional obligations so long as the attitude of the Assembly remains as it now is."

"All this row is made in the hope of stopping our investigation," said the Senator when asked about the charge of Assemblyman McQuestion that \$250 worth of rooms and meals at the Hotel Biltmore were paid for in his name though he had not had more than \$10 worth of meals and had not stopped at the hotel at all.

"What was charged to McQuestion," said the Senator, "was merely a pro rata share of the committee's expenses. I have no idea of just what the custom of dividing up the total expense among all the members of a committee was followed in our case as it is in all cases. The Sergeant at Arms keeps the accounts, signs the checks and makes the divisions."

"Making all this fuss about bills that were settled away back last spring shows that pressure is being brought to bear to shut off this investigation and that it has reached far. I feel that our time is up unless public opinion forces a change in the programme. Speaker Sweet tells me that we can go ahead only two weeks more. We actually need to work two months more if we are to show up the real situation that exists in the Public Service Commission. The Senate is behind me solid, but the Governor and Speaker Sweet are not."

"Give me two months more and I can demonstrate that this city has already lost between \$10,000,000 and \$25,000,000 through the operations of the Public Service Commission."

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King of Greece and Queen, Who, as Kaiser's Sister Balks the Allies



QUEEN OF GREECE

GERMANS PUT BAN ON U. S. CONSUL HIGGINS

Stuttgart Representative Persona Non Grata and Will Be Recalled at Once.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—United States Consul Edward Higgins at Stuttgart is persona non grata to Germany, this Government has learned through informal channels. Consul Higgins will leave his post at Stuttgart within the next month.

Higgins was recently reported to have violated the spirit of this country's neutrality, the Cologne Gazette editorially denouncing him and demanding his recall. The State Department in conformity with previous action, asked Ambassador Gerard to investigate the alleged pro-British utterances by Higgins. The department, it became known on unquestioned authority today, has had no report from Ambassador Gerard regarding the result of his investigations.

It became known today, however, that the department has learned Germany does not want Higgins at Stuttgart. The matter is now being handled informally, and Consul Higgins will be removed in the usual manner. He will apply for leave and it will be granted.

SUSPECT WOMAN WAS SPY.

Wilkes-Barre Police Puzzled by Letters and Accounts of Suicide.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Jan. 20.—Deputy Coroner Stanley Kozlowski and police authorities continued their search today for evidence to substantiate their theory that Mrs. Marie Lemoine, forty years old, who committed suicide, may have been a spy of the German government. The private books and papers of the woman were examined today.

Letters were found for her written in New York, to whom \$1,000 was to be paid, and there were certificates of withdrawal from the Excelsior Savings Bank, under date of June 1, 1915, and Dec. 1, 1915, for amounts of \$1,500 and \$2,000.

The woman's husband related today that she frequently had taken sums of money and that she admitted to having sent it to England through a sea captain from New York.

BETHLEHEM STEEL CUTS 30 PER CENT. WAR PROFIT MELON

First Dividend of \$4,500,000 on Common Stock Sets Wall Street Guessing.

BIG KILLING TO COME.

Shares Sell at \$471, Jump to \$478, Drop to \$460 and Then Rise to \$479.

Bethlehem Steel Company, that led the van in sensational rise of war stocks during the past year, declared today its first dividend on common stock at the rate of 30 per cent. per annum, to be divided into quarterly payments of 7 1/2 per cent., the first due on April 1 next.

There are, in round figures, \$15,000,000 of Bethlehem common stock, so that the dividend requires \$4,500,000. According to stories in Wall Street, the company is now earning that much per month, but the policy of President Charles M. Schwab is to put most of the profits back into the plant. Twelve millions were expended last year in new construction and twice that amount is planned for this year.

Speculators on Stock Exchange did not know whether to take the dividend announcement as good or bad news. The stories of the fabulous profits had led many persons to expect a much more juicy melon, particularly in comparison with the 50 per cent. dividend of General Motors and the 100 per cent. dividends of some oil companies.

Quotations on the Exchange fluctuated widely at first, but few shares changed hands. Starting at \$471 at the opening the price went up to \$478 on the next sale, dropped back to \$460, and then up to \$479. Some of the expectant stockholders said the 30 per cent. was a mere drop in the bucket, and they intended to hold on to their shares for the big killing that must come in the future. They look forward either to declaration of extra dividends during the course of the year or to a readjustment of capital which will give them increased holdings. Earnings for 1916 are estimated at \$60,000,000.

A little more than a year ago Bethlehem Steel was selling around \$30 per share, the same amount as today's dividend on a single share. The amazing rise led the war stock sky rockets last spring and gave the first impetus to the tide of speculative prosperity that has carried financial markets to high records.

FORTY GIRLS TRAPPED BY WILLIAMSBURG FIRE

Crowd the Escapes and Many Jump to Avoid Flames—Tenements Menaced.

Forty girls were trapped on the two upper floors of the three-story factory at No. 29 Ten Eyck Street, Williamsburg, occupied by Markus Goldsmith, a maker of wax figures, when fire broke out on the first floor at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. Escape by the staircase was cut off and the girls made for the front fire escape.

The ladders and ladders were soon jammed and the girls on the lower landing began to jump. By that time there were many men in the street and the girls were caught and saved from injury. None was hurt, although ten or twelve took a chance in jumping.

The blaze threatened adjoining tenement houses and 200 families were ordered into the street by the police. After two alarms had been turned in the firemen confined the fire to the Goldsmith plant.

For something that is not of our times see Morris's Mailed Mail. And substitute—Ad.

ALLIES CANNOT BEAT KAISER; THE WAR WILL END IN DRAW, GRECIAN RULER INSISTS

Constantine Declares Seizure of Islands Was Highhanded, and Says Serbs Were Sent to Corfu Because Italy Feared Outbreak of Cholera.

80 PER CENT. OF GREEKS NOW OPPOSE THE ALLIES.

ATHENS, Greece (via Paris), Jan. 20.—Declaring he did not care a snap of his fingers about royal prerogatives while the life of his nation is at stake, King Constantine sent for an Associated Press correspondent, through whom he appealed to America, as "the only forum of public opinion open to him," against the "unheard of high handedness of the recent action of the allies toward Greece."

He accused the allies of acting stupidly and throwing away advantages in Greece, and of now turning upon that country for revenge. In the course of the interview Constantine declared not 20 per cent. of the Greeks favored aiding the allies, though formerly 80 per cent. did. Germany, he believed, cannot be beaten in the field and can only be crushed by economic conditions. The war, he thinks, will end in a draw.

4,000 MEXICAN REBELS DECLARE WAR ON AMERICANS

Adherents of Diaz Near Torreon Say All Must Be Killed and Property Seized.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 20.—About 4,000 rebels are operating near Torreon, shooting for Felix Diaz and declaring Carranza adherents and Americans are to be killed and all property stolen, according to reports of arrivals from Torreon today. About 3,000 Carranza troops are centered at Torreon. A week ago they had not taken the field against the rebels, it was said.

WANT U. S. TO PURCHASE A SECTION OF MEXICO ALONG THE BORDER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Advisability of the United States seeking to acquire a portion of Northern Mexico by purchase or treaty, it was learned today, is being urged by American citizens along the border and has been recently discussed with President Wilson. Senator Ashurst of Arizona, who saw the President yesterday, is said to have broached the subject. The Arizona Senator today, however, would not discuss this feature of his conference with the President.

It is pointed out by persons interested in the suggestion that American interests are located chiefly in Northern Mexico, and acquisition of that territory would do much to settle present difficulties and prevent future disturbances. Mexican problems were not discussed in the Senate today.

Boy Loses Life Warning Others of Danger

TOLEDO, Jan. 20.—Harry Tallman, nine years old, was drowned in the Maumee River early today while trying to warn his sister and three chums of an alligator in the ice. His body was recovered. Striving to save young Tallman, Douglas Walters, eleven years, plunged into the icy waters and narrowly escaped Tallman's fate. Tallman was the son of Roy E. Tallman, Vice President of a manufacturing concern.

Does Not Believe U-Boats Have a Base in Greece. "They say that they are occupying Castrolizza, Corfu, and other points in search of submarine bases. The British Legation at Athens has a standing offer of \$2,000—a great fortune to any Greek fisherman—for information leading to the detection of a submarine base, but never yet re-